



Leongatha Golf Club is committed to ensuring all players have an enjoyable game of golf within an acceptable timeframe.

It is common knowledge slow play detracts from the enjoyment of the game. Whilst players are not expected to 'hurry' around the course, they should be aware there are others on the course at the same time and therefore, should act with common sense and courtesy towards those players.

It is a requirement of all players to read and abide by this policy consisting of the following Guidelines and Rules.

The focus of this Policy is to make all players aware of the need to keep their position in relation to the group in front of them and how best to do that. Out of position is defined as: When a group arrives at the tee of a hole and finds that the group in front of them is already teeing off on the next tee, the arriving group is out of position.

Pace of Play Policy

General Guidelines

Players are expected to use these strategies to maintain a good pace of play:

- A group's position is in relation to the group in front, not the group behind;
- All players in the group are equally responsible for maintaining the Pace of Play;
- Use the tee off times for each hole, as recorded on your card, to monitor your pace as well;
- Play ready golf – when safe to do so including off the Tee, on the fairway and on the putting green;
- Play a provisional ball if your ball may be lost outside a hazard or out of bounds;
- Play your shot where appropriate, before helping to look for your playing partner's lost ball;
- Prepare for your next shot or putt whilst your playing partner is having their shot.
- At the green, position your bag or cart between the green and the next tee;
- Putt out whenever practical to do so; and if needed, move to the next tee after your putt;
- During Par and Stableford events pick up if you can no longer score;
- Four-ball events, pickup on the green when you can no longer better your partners score;
- Mark the card at the next Tee whilst your playing partner is teeing off;
- If you have the honour on the Tee, tee off first then mark your card;
- If a clear hole is lost and the group behind is being delayed, or if there is no group in front and the group behind is being delayed, invite the group behind to play through;
- Walk briskly, don't stroll; and
- If you get behind make the effort to catch up over the next three holes.

By adhering to these guidelines, a timely round of golf should be achieved.

General Rules

1. A group of 4 players (or less) should take no more than 4 hours to play an 18-hole Stableford, Par or Stroke round at Leongatha Golf Course.
2. Groups taking longer than 4 hours and 15 minutes for a Stableford or Par Round, or more than 4 hours 30 minutes for a Stroke Round will be liable for a warning from the relevant Golf Committee.



Such slow play will be monitored by the Golf Shop via the LGC online systems and may be reported to the Match Committee.

3. Each playing group will have a nominal captain – the lowest marker in the group.
4. When a group is deemed to be out of position by a marshal, the marshal shall advise the captain of the group that the group is out of position and ask that attempts be made to rectify the situation within the next three holes.
5. Failure to regain position within three holes after the captain of the group has been reminded of pace of play obligations will lead to the group being logged in the Slow Play book kept in the Golf Shop.
6. In addition to marshals, the captain of another group may also report groups that are out of position for more than three holes. Note that disputes between groups or groups and marshals over the pace of play must be avoided.
7. If a player/s name appears in the book two times in a four week period, the player/s shall be asked to provide an explanation within seven days, as to why he/she or the group was unable to regain their position in the field on both occasions.
8. If the player/s fail to provide a satisfactory explanation, the player/players shall be informed that for the following four weeks they will be placed in competition fields at the discretion of the golf shop and will not be permitted to book times via the electronic booking system.
9. The player/s must book personally by contacting the golf shop in person or by telephone. In these circumstances, the Golf Shop shall allocate tee times such that any further instances of slow play should not affect the rest of the competition field.
10. Player management by the Golf Shop can include allocating such player/s to the back of any competition field, morning or afternoon, or nominate a starting position on the 9th hole or other, for shotgun starts.
11. The Club also has the option of imposing penalties under existing Rule 6-7.
12. **RULE 6-7. UNDUE DELAY; SLOW PLAY** The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play. **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 6-7:** Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes. Bogey and par competitions – See Note 2 to Rule 32-1a. Stableford competitions – See Note 2 to Rule 32-1b. For subsequent offence – Disqualification